

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Stephanie Shepherd, Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Joseph Ault, and Steve Hougland were absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Shepherd to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Franklin resident appeared before the Council and thanked the City and Discover Downtown Franklin for their support during the winter market.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 2, 2013 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Henderson, made a motion to read all items under old business by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-16 An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 13-29 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to IL (Industrial Light) and Deletion of GW-OL (Gateway Overlay) (To be Known as Franklin Tech Park Rezoning 2013)** - Mayor McGuinness read Ordinance 13-16 by title only. Senior Planner Myers presented Ordinance 13-16. Ms. Myers stated that the Plan Commission forwarded the request with a favorable unanimous recommendation with a few changes that are included in the materials presented. Mayor McGuinness opened the public hearing. No one requested to speak. The Mayor closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Introductions**

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read all items under new business by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.:14-01 - Additional Appropriation Ordinance for B. Dickus Memorial Tipline Fund 450 in the amount of \$25,000**

Mayor McGuinness presented Budgetary Ordinance 14-01 that provides an additional appropriation for the B. Dickus Memorial Tipline Fund for the budget year 2014 in the amount of \$25,000. It was explained that this is presented for introduction only. The public hearing and adoption will be held on January 6, 2014.

### **Common Council Resolution No.: 13-29 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement For Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control, Inc.; Common Council Resolution No.: 13-31 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement For Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control, Inc. (Amending Resolution No. 13-06); Common Council Resolution No.: 13-32 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Engine North America, Inc. (Amending Resolution No. 13-07)**

– Mr. Bob Francis, a Mitsubishi representative, appeared before the Council to provide information regarding the request for the tax abatements. The new abatement is on 23,000 square feet of real property, totaling \$1.2M and adds three new jobs for Mitsubishi Climate Control as well as additional jobs for Mitsubishi Turbo. Mitsubishi is also requesting two amendments to existing abatements that would change the start and end dates. The Economic Development Commission approved these requests. They stated that they plan to add as many as 85 jobs due to the expansion in the combined divisions.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 13-29 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control, Inc.** Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 13-29 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No comments were offered and Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 13-31 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control, Inc. (Amending Resolution No. 13-06)** Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 13-31 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No comments were offered and Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 13-32 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Engine North America, Inc. (Amending Resolution No. 13-07)** - Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 13-32 by title only. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No comments were offered and Mayor McGuinness closed the public hearing.

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 13-30 A Resolution Approving Road Transfer Agreement Between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the City of Franklin, Indiana** - Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 13-30 by title only and explained that City officials have discussed the proposed relinquishment of State Road 44 by the State of Indiana to the City of Franklin and held a public hearing. The City Attorney prepared the resolution presented which authorizes the Mayor to move forward in the process and provides him authority to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-14 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Telecommunications 300 Services to 200 Supplies in the amount of \$6,000.00** - Mayor McGuinness presented Budgetary Resolution 13-14 requesting transfer of monies from 300 Services to 200 Supplies in the amount of \$6,000 for the replacement of switches. Councilor Abban, seconded by Council President Barnett, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **Franklin Development Corporation Program Update**

Mr. John Ditmars, FDC Board President, appeared before the Council to provide a program update. He introduced the other FDC Board Members present in the audience. He explained that all members of FDC Board are new this year. Lisa Fears, FDC Board member, appeared before the Council to present the draft "gap" plan that outlines a plan for the next six months and is a precursor to the strategic plan identified during the Board retreat held in October, 2013. The draft "gap" plan document was provided to Council Members. There are three goals established in this "gap" plan as well as strategies under each goal. The goals of the "gap" plan are as follows: 1. Position FDC as coordination leaders of community resources; 2. Restore trust in the FDC by the wider Franklin Community; and 3. Get resources to sustain the work of the FDC. A discussion was held. FDC Board President Ditmars explained that the FDC Board would return to the January 6, 2014 meeting to request funding from the Common Council.

#### **Anti-Nepotism - Annual Certifications by Elected Officials**

Mayor McGuinness presented the annual certifications by Elected Officials to comply with Indiana Code and the adopted City Policy. Those Council members that were present signed the necessary forms. Signatures from the two absent members will be obtained prior to December 31, 2013.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Wertz announced that there is an RDC meeting scheduled December 19, 2013.

Council President Barnett and Mayor McGuinness recognized the Street Department and City employees for their excellent snow removal efforts of over the past couple of weeks.

**Adjournment**

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 12-19.13

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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